

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An internet presentation creation and access system comprising:

5 a network server for controlling the creation and execution access of presentation files over the internet, and for maintaining a store of previously created presentation files, said network server maintaining a user-database of registered users and a grouping-database of user-to-presentation_file grouping information, wherein said user-to-presentation_file grouping information includes a created-file group associating each respective registered user to presentation files created by the respective registered user, an executable-file group associating each
10 respective registered user to presentation files to which the respective registered user has execution access, and a purchasable-file group associating each respective registered user to presentation files to which the respective registered user has previously been granted purchase access;

15 a user-access device for communicating with said network server over the internet, and for submitting user-identification information to said network server;

20 wherein said network server responds to said user-identification information identifying a target user within said user-database of registered users by granting said user-access device the file access permissions associated with said target user, and accepting purchase orders for only those presentation files whose purchasable-file group associates said target user.

2. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 1, wherein a first registered user becomes associated with a specific purchasable-file group by being granted purchase access by a second registered user.

- 25 3. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 2, wherein said second registered user is the creator of the presentation file to whose purchasable-file group said first registered user becomes associated.

4. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 1, wherein said target user may grant to, and withdraw from, a second registered user purchase

permission of a presentation file associated with said target user's created-file group.

5. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 1, wherein said target user may grant to, and withdraw from, a second registered user file execution permission of presentation files associated with said target user's created-file group.

6. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 1, wherein said target user may optionally associate an access password with a presentation file within said target users corresponding created-file group;

10 wherein all presentation files having an associated access password form a password-accessible group of presentation files, a listing of presentation files within said password-accessible group being made viewable to a plurality of selected registered users granted password access.

7. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 6, wherein said plurality of selected registered users are selected by said target user.

15 8. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 6, wherein said network server provides each registered user a listing of all password-accessible presentation files to which the respective registered user has been granted password access.

20 9. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 6, wherein the registered users within said user-database are further associated with various user groups, and said target user associates at least one of said user groups with a target presentation file within the target user's password-accessible group, all the members of the associated user group thereby being given password access to said target presentation file.

25 10. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 6, wherein said access password is an execution-access password permitting execution access to said

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plurality of selected registered users upon their respective submission of said execution-access password to said network server.

11. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 6, wherein said access password is a purchase-access password permitting purchase access to said plurality of selected registered users upon their respective submission of said purchase-access password to said network server.

12. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 6, wherein said access password is an edit-access password permitting edit access to said plurality of selected registered users upon their respective submission of said edit-access password to said network server.

13. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 1, wherein said network server permits said user-access device to grant a second registered user purchase permission to a target presentation file within said target user's associated created-file group by submitting to said network server identification information associated with said second registered user;

said network server further responding to the granting of purchase permission of said target presentation file by listing said target presentation file in said second register user's purchasable-file group.

14. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 1, wherein said registered users are granted access to said network server based on a periodic paid subscription basis, and said network server responds to said user-access device submitting a purchase order for said target presentation file by adding the cost of the purchased presentation file to the cost of said target user's next-due periodic subscription price.

15. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 1, wherein when said user-access device submits a request for purchase of said target presentation file, said user-access device additional submits a preferred file type option, said

preferred file type option including at least one of a video type and a computer executable type.

16. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 15, wherein said video type consists of a video recording of an execution of said target presentation file, and wherein said computer executable type is a data file of predefined data format for execution by a computing device having a pre-identified, presentation execution, computer program.

17. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 15, wherein said network server responds to said user-access device submitting said video type as its preferred file type option by requesting that said user-access device select a recording medium from among a group including at least one of a video DVD, a VCD, and a Video Cassette; and

wherein said network server further responds to said user-access device submitting said computer executable type as its preferred file type option by requesting that said user-access device select a recording medium from among a group including at least one of a data DVD, a data CD, and a computer readable magnetic data recording medium.

18. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 1, wherein said network server further maintains, for at least one specific registered user within said user-database, purchase options pre-submitted by said specific registered user, said pre-submitted purchase options including at least one of a payment option, a file type option, and recording medium option, wherein upon the submission of a purchase request by said specific registered user for a target presentation file, said specific registered user may optionally instruct said network server to complete the purchase request using the specific registered user's pre-submitted purchase options.

19. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 18, wherein said payment option includes one of an added charge to a periodic subscription price for

access to said network server, a charge to a pre-identified charge card, an automatic withdraw from a pre-identified bank account, and an issuance of a bill for payment to said respective registered user.

20. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 18, wherein said
5 recording medium option includes at least one of a video DVD, a data DVD, a VCD, a data CD, a video cassette, and a computer readable magnetic data storage medium.

21. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 18, wherein said
10 preferred file type option includes at least one of a video type and a computer executable type;

said video type being a video recording of an execution of the purchased presentation file, and said computer executable type being a data file of predefined format for execution by a computing device using a pre-identified, presentation execution, computer program.

22. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 21, wherein if
15 said preferred file type option is said video type, then said recording medium option is selected from at least one of a video DVD, a VCD, and a Video Cassette; and

if said preferred file type option is said computer executable type, then said
20 recording medium option is selected from at least one of a data DVD, a data CD, and a magnetic recording medium.

23. An internet presentation creation and access system comprising:

a data store maintaining a plurality of presentation files;

a network server having access to said data store and effective for
25 controlling creation access, edit access, execution access, and purchase access of said plurality of presentation files over the internet, said network server maintaining a user-database of registered users and corresponding identification data for each of said registered users;

a plurality of remote access devices for communicating with said network server over the internet, each of said remote access devices being associated with a specific registered user within said user-database upon submission to said network server of the specific registered user's corresponding identification data;

5 wherein said server further maintains a correlation between selected registered users and an edit permission group, an execution permission group, and a purchase permission group for each of said plurality of presentation files, said network server permitting edit access to a target presentation file only to those registered users correlated to said target presentation file's edit permission group, 10 said network server permitting execution access to said target presentation file only to those registered users correlated to said target presentation file's execution permission group, and said network server permitting purchase access to said target presentation file only to those registered users correlated to said target presentation file's purchase permission group.

15 24. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 23, wherein the registered users within each purchase permission group are assigned at least one of an owners status and a buyer status, the registered users having said owner status being permitted to incorporate at least one additional registered user into their respective purchase permission group and to assign the newly incorporated 20 registered user at least one of said owner status and buyer status;

the registered users having said owner status being further permitted to remove from their respective permission group any registered user not having said owner status.

25 25. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 24, wherein the registered users having only said buyer status are denied permission to add or remove any other registered user into, or out of, their respective purchase permission group.

26. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 24, wherein the creator of a new presentation file is automatically assigned owner status within the purchase permission group for the newly created presentation file.

27. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 26, wherein the creator of said new presentation file is further permitted to remove any other registered user from its new presentation file's corresponding purchase permission group.

28. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 24, wherein the registered users having owner status within the purchase permission group of a specific presentation file are automatically incorporated in the same specific presentation file's edit permission group and execution permission group.

29. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 24, wherein the registered users having owner status within the purchase permission group of a specific presentation file may further incorporate or remove other registered users into, or out of, the same specific presentation file's edit permission group and execution permission group.

30. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 24, wherein said network server further divides the registered users within said user-database into various user groups, and a registered user having said owner status within the purchase permission group of a specific presentation file may further assign either of said owner status and buyer status to a selected one of said various user groups, said network server assigning all the registered users within the selected user group the same buyer status or owner status as assigned to the selected user group.

31. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 30, wherein said registered user having said owner status within the purchase permission group of said specific presentation file may further remove from said purchase permission group any user group having only said buyer status.

32. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 24, wherein one of the registered users having said owner status within the purchase permission group of a specific presentation file is further assigned a super-owner status, the registered user having said super-owner status being permitted to remove from its
5 respective purchase permission group any other registered user having said owner status.

33. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 32, wherein the registered user having said super-owner status is further permitted to relinquish its super-owner status to any other registered user within its corresponding purchase
10 permission group.

34. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 23, wherein said registered users are granted access to said network server based on a periodic paid subscription basis, and said network server responds to one of said user-access devices submitting a purchase order for a presentation file by adding the cost of the
15 purchased presentation file to the cost of the next-due periodic subscription price of the specific registered user associated with the user-access device that submitted the purchase order.

35. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 23, wherein when one of said user-access devices submits a request for purchase of a target
20 presentation file, the requesting user-access device additionally submits a preferred file type option, said preferred file type option including at least one of a video type and a computer executable type.

36. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 35, wherein said video type consists of a video recording of an execution of said target presentation
25 file, and wherein said computer executable type is a data file of predefined data format for execution by computing device running a pre-identified, presentation execution, computer program.

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37. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 35, wherein said network server responds to said one of said user-access devices submitting said video type as its preferred file type option by requesting that a selection of recording medium be made from among a group including at least one of a video DVD, a VCD, and a Video Cassette; and

wherein said network server further responds to said one of said user-access devices submitting said computer executable type as its preferred file type option by requesting that a selection of recording medium be made among the group including at least one of a data DVD, a data CD, and a computer readable magnetic data recording medium.

38. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 23, wherein said network server further maintains, for at least one respective registered user within said user-database, purchase options pre-submitted by said respective registered user, said pre-submitted purchase options including at least one of a payment option, a file type option, and a recording medium option, wherein upon the submission of a purchase request by said respective registered user for a selected presentation file, said respective registered user may optionally instruct said network server to complete the purchase request using said respective user's pre-submitted purchase options.

39. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 38, wherein said payment option includes one of an added charge to a periodic subscription price for access to said network server, a charge to a pre-identified charge card, an automatic withdraw from a pre-identified bank account, and an issuance of a bill for payment to said respective registered user.

40. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 38, wherein said recording medium option includes at least one of a video DVD, a data DVD, a VCD, a data CD, a video cassette, and a computer readable magnetic data storage medium.

41. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 38, wherein said preferred file type option includes at least one of a video type and a computer executable type;

5 said video type being a video recording of an execution of the purchased presentation file, and said computer executable type being a data file of predefined format for execution by a computing device using a pre-identified, presentation execution, computer program.

10 42. The internet presentation creation and access system of claim 41, wherein if said preferred file type option is said video type, then said recording medium option is selected from at least one of a video DVD, a VCD, and a Video Cassette; and

if said preferred file type option is said computer executable type, then said recording medium option is selected from at least one of a data DVD, a data CD, and a magnetic recording medium.

15 43. A method for internet presentation creation and access comprising:

providing a network server having a presentation creation service accessible over the internet and controlling internet access to a plurality of presentation files;

maintaining on said network server a user-database of registered users and corresponding identification data for each of said registered users;

20 assigning each of said registered users various types of access permissions for selected presentation files, said types of access permissions including edit access permission, execution access permission, and purchase permission;

providing a remote internet access device for communicating with said network server over the internet;

25 associating said remote internet access device with a target user within said user-database upon submission by said remote internet access device to said network server of said target user's corresponding identification data;

using said remote internet access device to submit to said network server a purchase order for a target presentation file;

accepting said purchase order for said target presentation file only if said target use has purchase permission for said target presentation file.

44. The method of claim 43 further including the step of, for each presentation file for which a respective registered user has purchase permission, assigning said
5 respective registered user one of an owner status and a buyer status, and permitting respective registered users that have owner status to assign purchase permission to other registered users.

45. The method of claim 44, further including the step of permitting respective registered users that have said owner status to remove purchase permission from
10 other of said respective registered users that do not have owner status.

46. The method of claim 44, further including the step of permitting respective registered users that have owner status to further assign one of said owner status and buyer status to each of said other registered users when granting said other registered users purchase permission.

20 47. The method of claim 44, further including the step of not permitting respective registered users that do not have said owner status to modify the purchase permission of other registered users.

48. The method of claim 44 wherein a plurality of said respective registered users have said owner status, said method further including the step of assigning a super-owner status to at least one respective registered user that has said owner status,
20 and permitting the respective registered user that has said super-owner status to remove at least one of said owner status and purchase permission from any other of said respective registered users that do not have said super-owner status.

49. The method of claim 48 further including the step of permitting the respective
25 registered user that has said super-owner status to relinquish its super-owner status to another of said respective registered users.

50. The method of claim 43, further including the step of granting said registered users access to said network server based on a periodic paid subscription basis, and having said network server respond to said remote internet access device submitting a purchase order for said target presentation file by adding the cost of said target presentation file to the cost of the next-due periodic subscription price of said target user.

51. The method of claim 43, further including a step of, when said remote internet access device submits said purchase order for said target presentation file, having said remote internet access device additionally submit a preferred file type option, said preferred file type option including at least one of a video type and a computer executable type.

52. The method of claim 51, wherein said video type consists of a video recording of an execution of said target presentation file, and wherein said computer executable type is a data file of predefined data format for execution by a computing device running a pre-identified, presentation execution, computer program.

53. The method of claim 51, wherein said network server responds to said remote internet access device submitting said video type as its preferred file type option by requesting that a selection of recording medium be made from among a group including at least one of a video DVD, a VCD, and a Video Cassette; and

wherein said network server further responds to said remote internet access devices submitting said computer executable type as its preferred file type option by requesting that a selection of recording medium be made among the group including at least one of a data DVD, a data CD, and a magnetic recording medium.

54. The method of claim 43, further including a step of maintaining on said network server, for at least one respective registered user within said user-database, purchase options pre-submitted by said respective registered user, said pre-submitted purchase options including at least one of a payment option, a file type option, and recording medium option;

wherein if said respective user is said target user, along with said purchase order, said remote internet access device may optionally instruct said network server to complete said purchase order using said respective user's pre-submitted purchase options.

5 55. The method of claim 54, wherein said payment option includes one of an added charge to a periodic subscription price for access to said network server, a charge to a pre-identified charge card, an automatic withdraw from a pre-identified bank account, and an issuance of a bill for payment to said respective registered user.

10 56. The method of claim 54, wherein said recording medium option includes at least one of a video DVD, a data DVD, a VCD, a data CD, a video cassette, and a computer readable magnetic data storage medium.

57. The method claim 54, wherein said preferred file type option includes at least one of a video type and a computer executable type;

15 said video type being a video recording of an execution of said target presentation file, and said computer executable type being a data file of predefined format for execution by a computing device using a pre-identified, presentation execution, computer program.

20 58. The method of claim 57, wherein if said preferred file type option is said video type, then said recording medium option is selected from at least one of a video DVD, a VCD, and a Video Cassette; and

if said preferred file type option is said computer executable type, then said recording medium option is selected from at least one of a data DVD, a data CD, and a magnetic recording medium.